Executive Proclamation
State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

Whereas, All South Dakota entities involved in blindness have come together to promote education, employment, and independence of South Dakota citizens who are blind or visually impaired; and,

Whereas, The South Dakota Association of the Blind, National Federation of the Blind of South Dakota, South Dakota Braille and Talking Book Library, South Dakota School for the Blind and Visually Impaired, South Dakota Service to the Blind and Visually Impaired, and the Association for Education and Rehabilitation of the Blind and Visually Impaired have collaborated on planning and support of the Focus on Success III conference to promote independence and self-sufficiency of all South Dakotans with vision loss; and,

Whereas, These organizations promote awareness of the capabilities of South Dakota citizens who are blind or visually impaired; and,

Whereas, The members of these organizations deserve recognition for their positive image, philosophy, and activities:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim September 30, 2008, as

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in South Dakota, and I urge all citizens to support the goals and aspirations of these fine organizations in promoting the well-being and self-sufficiency of all citizens who are blind or visually impaired.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Twelfth Day of September in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Eight.

M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

Chris Nelson, Secretary of State